



Patricia K. Kolka

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Patricia Kay Kolka, 78 of Wild Rose, WI, died peacefully at ThedaCare Regional Medical Center in Appleton, WI on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, following a battle with lymphoma.

She was born on April 6, 1943 in Wild Rose, WI, daughter of Peter and Bernice (Olson) Stea.

She graduated from Wild Rose High School in 1961, and attended secretarial school in Milwaukee, WI. On June 6, 1964, she married James F. Kolka in Wautoma, WI and moved to Appleton, WI, where she raised three children. During those years, she was an active volunteer leading a Brownie troop and assisting with school hot lunches at Woodlawn Elementary School and serving as a playground monitor, handling the school uniform program, doing church laundry and helping Hmong refugees learn to speak English through the St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Appleton, WI. When her children were grown, she spent several years working at Menard's in Appleton, WI, and then returned home to Wild Rose, WI to retire with James on Gilbert Lake, where she continued to volunteer actively with several organizations including the lake association for Gilbert Lake and the Wild Rose Hospital Auxiliary. Patricia is survived by her husband James Kolka of Wild Rose, WI; her daughters, Corrine (Kolka) Welt of Salt Lake City, UT and Julie Kolka of Boca Raton, FL; her son, Peter Kolka of Flagstaff, AZ and her grandchildren Robert Welt, James Welt and Madison Kolka.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter Stea and Bernice (Olson) Stea and her brother Melvin Stea.

Patricia was the most loving mother, grandmother and wife, who will be remembered for her endless service to her family, friends and community.

Funeral mass was on Thursday, December 23, 2021 at 11:00 am at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church in Waupaca, WI with Father Xavier Santiago presiding.



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Burial will be in the Bohemian Cemetery in Wild Rose, WI.

Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at Holly Funeral Home, 630 County Road CR-GH, Wild Rose, WI 54984 and again from 10:00 am Thursday until the time of services at the church.



Events

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Visitation

- Wednesday**, December 22, 2021
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM CT
- A. J. Holly & Sons (Wild Rose)**
630 County Road CR-GH, Wild Rose WI 54984



Visitation

- Thursday**, December 23, 2021
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- St Mary Magdalene Catholic Church**
N2845 Shadow Rd, Waupaca WI 54981

Funeral Mass

- Thursday**, December 23, 2021
- 11:00 AM CT
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Cemetery Details

- Bohemian Cemetery**
Wild Rose WI 54984



Tribute Wall

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Kent Barnard posted:

Pat was always so caring and kind to everyone. We loved her sense of humor and zest for life. A truly beautiful person! Kent & Erin Barnard

December 22 at 9:32 AM



Helen Buckholt posted:

A friend like no other, so many memories. Her loving kindness to all, willingness to help all. A wonderful volunteer at the Wild Rose Theada care hospital. She made many pies for the bake sales, she made many quilts and crafts for the craft Fairs. May she Rest In Peace with our Lord. Helen Buckholt

December 21 at 6:23 AM



Amanda Allen posted:

She was such a sweet lady and my kids loved her dearly. One memory I have is every time I invited her to the kids birthday parties she would always bring something for me to and I thought that was so sweet. Looking around this time of year she also gave me cute Christmas bells that all my kids.

December 20 at 3:35 PM



Dave & Edith Krueger posted:

We have many memories of the years we were neighbors with Jim and Pat. Please accept our deepest sympathy and know you are in our thoughts and prayers. Former Evergreen Drive neighbors Dave and Edith Krueger

December 20 at 7:01 AM



Carol posted:

Many years back I bowled on a league with Pat. She was such a kind and loving person. We had many laughs and great times. She was one of a kind in a great way. My sympathy and prayers to the entire family.

December 20 at 5:42 AM



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Anonymous sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kolka family.



December 19 at 4:01 PM



Carol Paltzer posted:

Pat was like a second mother to my son Brad. She was such a beautiful lady and a great friend. My deepest sympathy to your family and prayers and hugs for all. Carol Paltzer

December 19 at 7:53 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Kolka family.



December 18 at 6:11 AM



Anne (Stea) Dorwaldt posted:

My wonderful loving cousin "Patsy" was my baby sitter a couple of times, probably when mom was at a church ladies meeting. One time I wanted to play "beauty shop" and she put about 20 pig tails all over my head. 😊. Mom laughed when she came to pick me up but not so much when she had to get them all out and untangle the snarls. I have many wonderful memories which I will carry in my heart.

December 17 at 4:44 PM



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Mary Kolka posted:

One of the first dates that Mike took me on was Thanksgiving Day dinner at Aunt Pat and Uncle Jim's. I knew his family from working along side his mother, Beverly at Union State Bank, but Mike bringing a date to Thanksgiving was a "big deal"! This became our family tradition that we all enjoyed for the past 17 years (with a brief hiccup from COVID!). Aunt Pat graciously accepted me in to the family, along with my kids and their kids! She was a mentor, a teacher , friend and my surrogate mother ❤️

December 17 at 4:34 PM

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Amanda Allen December 20 at 3:37 PM

I loved getting to have Thanksgiving with her and my kids loved that she would sit on the floor and play candy land with them

PT

Priscilla Thompson posted:

Such a sweet sweet lady..she will be missed..Priscilla Thompson

December 17 at 1:04 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Patricia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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